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## PITTSBURGH

# AT PITTSBURGH, PA. (ALLEGHENY COUNTY)

- I. Will report results of toll call checks on Catoris Candy Company, Inc., New Kensington, Pa., as the subscriber to the numbers called or identified and furnished to the Pittsburgh Division.
- 2. Will continue to follow and report activities of subject and his associates in accordance with Bureau instructions.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

During the period of this report, close liaison has been maintained with Intelligence Division, IRS, Pitts-burgh, which is currently conducting an investigation regarding the subject.

## INFORMANTS

PG T-1 is PG 739-C

PG T-2 is PCI GEORGE L. JENKINS, who furnished information to SA SAMUEL A. MILLER.

PG T-3 is PG 620-C

PG T-4 is PG 768-PC

PG T-5 is PCI JAMES W. BURGART, who furnished information to SA THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III

PG T-6 is PCI NICHOLAS JOSEPH SERRAPERE, who furnished information to SA THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III

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PG T-7 is PG 743-PC

PG T-8 is PG 704-C-TE

PG T-9 is PG 687-C-TE

PH T-1 is PH 614-C-TE

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REFERENCES: Report of SA THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III,

dated 4/21/65 at Pittsburgh.

New York teletype to Pittsburgh, 5/19/65, captioned, "NY 3936-C, CRIMINAL INFORMANT."

Pittsburgh letter to New York, 6/4/65.

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## ENCLOSURES

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Two copies of a letterhead memorandum in which the informants used in this report are characterized.

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On May 12, 1965, PG 704-C-TE advised SA W.B. ANDERSON, JR., as follows:

Informant was asked to explain what the real reason was for MEYER SIGAL's refusal to give evidence against POSSINO. Informant said that he had previously withheld this information from the contacting agent because of its nature but things had reached the point now where he had to divulge it. He said that SONNY CIANCUTTI had come to see MEYER SIGAL 15 or 20 times on behalf of the New Kensington people who wanted to be sure SIGAL was not going to talk about POSSINO. He said, in addition, KELLY MANNARINO had come to see SIGAL four or five times On each occasion, SIGAL told the informant that MANNARINO had threatened him with harm if he said anything at all about POSSINO. Informant said that on the last occasion, which is about ten days earlier, MANNARINO had, after leaving SIGAL, come to the informant, stuck his finger in his chest and said, "You see that that Jew bastard partner of yours doesn't unload on POSSINO or I'm going to put him in one of his orange juice tanks." Informant said he then went back in and talked with SIGAL and from the tone of SIGAL's conversation, SIGAL believed MANNARINO and his threats.

Informant said that MEYER SIGAL is well known to KELLY MANNARINO, has known him for at least 25 years. He said that at one time about 25 years ago, when MEYER was getting started out in the numbers business, he worked in a numbers office owned and controlled by KELLY MANNARINO.

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Informant said that so far as MEYER SIGAL's getting the "call" in 1962 from IRS employees about IRS raids, he wanted to offer the suggestion that two men, SKIPPY WOODS and MIKE SIMON, were splitting their play between the SIGAL, PARROTTO, SARKIS book and the TONY GROSSO book. He said these two men got advance warning from GROSSO and passed the word on to others. He thought this might be the source of information that MEYER SIGAL had about IRS raids in 1962.

The physical surveillance at the Adrilee Motel, North Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., on 5/24/65, was conducted by SAS SAMUEL A. MILLER and JOHN M. KIRSCH.

### INFORMANTS

For the sake of security of informants' identities, previously used T symbols will not be repeated in this report.

PG T-1 is Attorney MICHAEL PUGLIESE, Pittsburgh (Protect per request), who furnished information to SA W. B. ANDERSON, JR.

NY T-1 is Former NY-3936-C.

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#### **LEADS**

### PITTSBURGH

## At Pittsburgh, Pa., (Allegheny County)

Will continue to follow and report activities of subject and his associates in accordance with Bureau instructions.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

This report has been delayed due to the preoccupation of the preparing Special Agent with other pressing matters in connection with the Criminal Intelligence Program.

During the period of this report, close liaison has been maintained with Intelligence Division, IRS, Pittsburgh, Pa., which is currently conducting an investigation regarding this subject.

### INFORMANTS

For the sake of security of informants' identities, previously used T symbols will not be repeated in this report.

PG T-1 is PG-694-PC.

PG T-2 is PG-765-PC.

PG T-3 is PCI NICHOLAS J. SERRAPERE, who furnished information to SA THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III.

PG T-4 is ALVIN KLEIN, President, Vienna Baking Company, McKeesport, Pa., who requested SA FORSYTH to conceal his identity.

PG T-5 is PG-612-C.

PG T-6 is PCI JAMES W. BURGART, who furnished information to SA FORSYTH.

PG T-7 is PG-704-C-TE.

PG T-8 is PG-725-C.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

This report has been delayed due to the preoccupation of the preparing Special Agent with other pressing matters in connection with the Criminal Intelligence Pregram.

During the period of this report, close liaison has been maintained with Intelligence Division, IRS, Pittsburgh, Pa., which is currently conducting an investigation regarding this subject.

### INFORMANTS:

For the sake of security of informant identities, previously used T-symbols will not be used in this report.

PG T-1 is PCI JAMES W. BURGART, who furnished information to SA THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III.

PG T-2 is PG 615-C

PG T-3 is PG 620-C

PG T-4 is PG 658-C

PG T-5 is PG 612-C

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### ADMINISTRATIVE

This report has been delayed due to the preoccupation of the preparing Special Agent with other pressing matters in connection with the Criminal Intelligence Program.

During the period of this report, close liaison has been maintained with Intelligence Division, IRS, Pittsburgh, Pa., which is currently conducting an investigation regarding this subject:

By airtel to the Bureau, 8/4/64, captioned, "NY 3936-C," the New York Office set out the following information:

Informant advised that he was attempting to obtain a Teamster pension loan for the LEONE Brothers in Detroit through an individual named LENNY CIFFONE. He stated that both the LEONE Brothers and CIFFONE are controlled by racketeers. Informant advised that CIFFONE advanced him \$10,000 to facilitate the loan and the informant did attempt to get this loan from the Teamsters. He said that CIFFONE did not actually get the loan and consulted a lawyer to secure the return of his \$10,000. Informant said that when he was contacted by CIFFONE's lawyer, he brought this matter to the attention of SALLYXCELEMBRINO and EDDYXLANZIERRI both of whom are subjects of criminal intelligence investigations in the New York Office. CELEMBRINO told him that he would go to Pittsburgh and attempt to get this matter straightened out. Informant had mentioned other matters to CELEMBRINO previously, which concerned him and CELEBRINO had told him on two other occasions that he would be leaving for Pittsburgh at 3:00 AM, on a particular Friday morning to go to Pittsburgh. informant said that when he had mentioned his troubles on previous occasions, and CELEMBRINO had told him he would take the matter up in Pittsburgh, he did not believe him and placed no importance on CELEMBRINO's statements. He stated, however, that this time CELEMBRINO invited him to accompany CELEMBRINO and LANZIERRI to Pittsburgh.

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Informant advised that they departed from downtown New York\_at 3:00 AM in a Cadillac owned by ROCCO DO CANDIA. CELEMBRINO, LANZIERRI and the informant drove directly to New Kensington, Pa., to the home of JOE ROSA, arriving there at 10:50 AM, on July 31, 1964. He stated they drove into ROSA's garage and CELEMBRINO brought him into the house where he met ROSA, his son, JOE, JR., and his daughter-in-law. About one-half hour later GABRIEL "KELLY" MANNARINO came to ROSA's house. The informant met MANNARINO and was explaining the Detroit loan situation to him when JOE SICA arrived PA at ROSA's house. MANNARINO indicated to the informant that they would handle a settlement in this matter and they were very upset with CIFFONE for the manner in which he handled this deal, in that he hired a lawyer to attempt to get his money back rather than go through channels.

During the course of some small talk which took place later, MANNARINO told the informant that he had just arrived from "the farm" where he had stayed two nights with RUSSELL BUFFALINO and LOUIS VOLPE.
MANNARINO said that BUFFALINO has a "kid" who is a relative of his, and is attempting to gain admission to the Pennsylvania Bar. This relative of BUFFALINO is afraid he might be rejected by the Bar Association because he had some trouble in New York. MANNARINO told the informant that a judge in New Kensington is attempting to influence the Bar Association on behalf of this relative of BUFFALINO.

Informant advised that at this time during the course of the conversation, it became apparent that SALLY CELEMBRINO was accepted by all of the individuals there as an equal and a close associate, but that himself and EDDY LANZIERRI were more or less treated as outsiders. (It should be noted that SALLY CELEMBRINO has been identified as a "captain" in the VITO GENOVESE "Family".)

At this time, JOHN LA ROCCA arrived at ROSA's PA house with another individual whom the informant described as a young man who controls jukeboxes, not in the Pittsburgh area. Informant said LA ROCCA referred to this young man

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as a fellow Calabrese. This young individual told the informant that he had driven 50 miles from his home to ROSA's house. CELEMBRINO asked LA ROCCA and the individual who was with him if they knew a person named "Levy" in Reading, Pa. The informant therefore surmised that possibly the person with LA ROCCA had driven from Reading, Pa.

Informant advised they had put their car in the garage. As each individual arrived, JOE ROSA's son, rather than leave their cars in front of the house, would drive them to a gas station close to the house which was located just off Route 22. He stated that three of the visitors' cars were parked in the rear of this gas station. Informant advised that they ate lunch and JOE ROSA and LA ROCCA excused themselves during lunch and carried on a whispered conversation in the adjoining living-room.

After lunch, CELEMBRINO invited LANZIERRI and the informant to ride to an amusement park which he said was owned by LOUIS and JOHN VOLPE. This amusement park was located between ROSA's house and the Adrilee Motor Hotel, and was approximately a ten minute drive from ROSA's house. When they arrived at the amusement park, RAY (LNU) told CELEMBRINO that JOHN VOLPE was in Pittsburgh and LOUIS VOLPE had left pathat day for Florida.

Then they drove to the Adrilee Motor Hotel, Route 30, Irwin, Pa., and CELEMBRINO introduced FRANK \*AMATO to the informant and told the informant that AMATO owned Adrilee. During a conversation with AMATO, he said he had put \$165,000 in cash in this motor hotel, and would be willing to sell it for \$50,000 above the mortgage. AMATO said he is unable to get a buyer for the place because of all the unfavorable publicity he is receiving. After they left the Adrilee, CELEMBRINO told the informant that if business does not pick up, AMATO is going to run a dice or card game at the place in order to make it pay for itself. They then drove back to JOE ROSA's house. About one hour later, FRANK AMATO arrived at JOE ROSA's house, being driven there by an individual who did not come into the house. During the

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late afternoon the following individuals were present at ROSA's house:

CELEMBRINO
LANZIERRI
FRANK AMATO
KELLY MANNARINO
JOHN LA ROCCA
JOE ROSA, SR.
JOE ROSA, JR.
JOE SICA
(And the individual who claimed to control the jukebox industry).

Prior to dinner, LA ROCCA told MANNARINO to go to the airport and pick up the people from Detroit who were flying in. After MANNARINO departed, LA ROCCA told the informant that the man who was coming from Detroit was young but he should be extremely polite to him since he was very important.

While awaiting dinner, CELEMBRINO, LANZIERRI, the informant and JOE ROSA, drove to the Holiday House. JOE ROSA, JR. told the informant that the owner of the Holiday House was in very serious trouble and his father straightened out this trouble. As a result of this, JOE ROSA, SR., now exercises control over the management of the Holiday House. Informant was unable to determine if JOE ROSA, SR., actually owns the Holiday House or is able to obtain favors there. While there, MANNARINO arrived and stated that the people from Detroit did not arrive at the airport. He then placed a call to Detroit from a public telephone and MANNARINO discussed this problem of the \$10,000 on the telephone with the individual he spoke to in Detroit. He told this person that he should arrive with LENNY CIFFONE in Pittsburgh on the 9:45 PM flight on that date (7/31/64). When they arrived back at ROSA's house, MANNARINO told LA ROCCA that he had spoken to Detroit and was told that they would arrive on the 9:45 flight and would abide by any decision he

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(MANNARINO) made.

During the course of the dinner, MANNARINO asked the informant where he could get rid of \$1,000 bills. The informant told MANNARINO he could get him in touch with someone in Europe who could handle this contract. MANNARINO told the informant that "they" had a friend in Europe who had purchased a Swiss bank, but this individual is presently in trouble concerning fraudulent bonds, so they can't use him. Informant told MANNARINO that if MANNARINO would give him the serial numbers on the \$1,000 bills, he would verify that the bills were legitimate and would then proceed to attempt to exchange these bills. Source stated he wanted the serial numbers to avoid embarrassment should the bills be counterfeit. asked MANNARINO for ten \$1,000 bills which he would attempt to exchange for him and MANNARINO stated he would have to talk to somebody before furnishing these bills to the informant. Informant advised that during the dinner, they were joined by another individual whom he could only describe as young, Spanish in appearance, scar on his left cheek.

MANNARINO stated during the dinner that he has the police chief in Pittsburgh, and the police chief in home area "in his pocket." JOE ROSA, JR. told the informant that he always carries a card in his wallet which was issued by a police official and if he is stopped for a traffic violation or any other offense, he simply flashes the card and is not bothered any further by the police. After dinner the informant told LA ROCCA that he could not wait in Pittsburgh for the arrival of the people from Detroit, since he had to return to New York to pick up his children. LA ROCCA told him not to worry about the \$10,000 since the problem would be settled. He further told the informant that he thought the informant "had guts" and he would like to see him again either in Pittsburgh or in New York.

After leaving ROSA's house, SALLY CELEMBRINO drove LANZIERRI and the informant to the airport for a flight back to New York. CELEMBRINO told the informant that he would drive the Cadillac back to New York since he liked to drive. He told the informant that he was a "wheel man for CAPONE in Chicago and likes to keep in practice."

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While discussing the individuals they had met at JOE ROSA's house, SALLY CELEMBRINO referred to AMATO as the "capo." EDDY LANZIERRI told the informant that LA ROCCA is very powerful and that he and his group control both St. Louis and Detroit from Pittsburgh.

It is noted that photographs of the houses of KELLY MANNARINO, New Kensington, Pa., and JOE ROSA, JR., Penn Hills, Pa., are, with prior Bureau authorization, being sent to the New York Office in order that informant may definitely identify the house he visited.

### INFORMANTS

PG T-2 is PG 612-C
PG T-3 is PG 615-C
PG T-24 is PG 621-C
PG T-38 is PCI JAMES W. BURGART, who furnished information to SA THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III

PG T-39 is PG 657-CTE
PG T-53 is PCI SAM CARULLO, who
furnished information to
SA SAMUEL A. MILLER

PG T-56 is PG 707-C CV T-1 is CV 554-PC

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File No.

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

October 8, 1964

### GABRIEL MANNARINO ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Thomas G. Forsyth, III, Pittsburgh, dated October 8, 1964.

There follows a brief characterization of informants used in referenced report:

PG T-2 is a New Kensington, Pa., numbers writer, formerly connected with prostitution activities.

PG T-3 is a professional man, whose services have, on occasion, been used by members of the Mannarino organization and who frequents Mannarino-controlled gambling and after-hours establishments.

PG T-24 is a life-long resident of New Kensington, Pa., who has for many years held a low echelon position in the rackets.

PG T-38 is an individual who has been connected with gambling activities in the New Kensington, Pa., area for almost 15 years.

PG T-39 is a Pittsburgh, Pa., gambler and club operator.

PG T-53 is a gambler from the Monongahela Valley section of Allegheny County, Pa.

PG T-56 is a businessman whose activities bring him into occasional contact with members of the racketeering element in New Kensington, Pa.